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SUBJECT: NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT FUNDIDORA STEEL MILL

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1. MANAGEMENT OF MONTERREY'S LARGEST STEEL MILL, THE FUNDIDORA, IS FINALLY IMPOSING MUCH-NEEDED DISCIPLINE ON FIRM'S RADICAL-LED AND OBSTRUCTIONIST UNION, ACCORDING ONE OF FUNDIDORA'S DIRECTORS. DURING A BUSINESSMEN'S ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL ON AUGUST 4, A FUNDIDORA DIRECTOR EXPLAINED THAT THE FIRM'S NEW PRASIDENT, SECRETARY OF PATRIMONIO NACIONAL, AND VICE PRESIDENT, THE SUBSECRETARY OF PATRIMONIO NACIONAL, ARE DETERMINED TO RESTORE MUCH NEEDED SENSE OF DISCIPLINE TO WORKFORCE, EVEN IF THIS REQUIRES RESORT-ING TO TOUGH TACTICS. FOR EXAMPLE, FUNDIDORA DIRECTOR NOTED THAT MANAGEMENT WAS UPSET SEVERAL WEEKS AGO WHEN A GROUP OF FUNDIDORA WORKERS REFUSED TO OFF-LOAD A SHIPMENT OF STEEL FROM A TRUCK COMING FROM ANOTHER STEEL MILL. MANAGEMENT RESPONDED BY BARRING THESE WORKERS FROM EVER REENTERING THE PLANT. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, MANAGEMENT FIRED ANOTHER GROUP OF WORKERS

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WHO REFUSED TO OBEY THE ORDERS OF THEIR SUPERVISOR. A SUBSEQUENT MOVE BY RADICAL ELEMENTS IN THE COMPANY'S UNION LEADERSHIP FOR A NEW STRIKE TO PROTEST THE DISMISSALS FELL ON DEAF EARS AMONG THE REST OF THE UNION MEMBERSHIP.

2. THE FUNDIDORA DIRECTORS CONCLUDED THAT ANY STEPS TO REIMPOSE A MEASURE OF NORMAL INDUSTRIAL DISCIPLINE OF THE FIRM'S WORK-

FORCE WERE HEARTENING, ALBEIT LONG OVERDUE. HE WRYLY CONCEDED
THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER TO SACK THE ENTIRE WORKFORCE
AND START ANEW, BUT HE ADMITTED THE PRACTICAL AND POLITICAL
IMPOSSIBILITY OF DOING SO.
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